

Appl. No. 10/092,379
10710/151 (PTG-0867-US)
Reply to Office Action of April 20, 2004

REMARKS

The Office Action notes that claims 34, 43, 48, 54, and 66 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. The independent claims from which these objected claims depend, have been amended to incorporate the features of the objected claims. Therefore, it is believed that these claims are allowable and notification to that effect is requested.

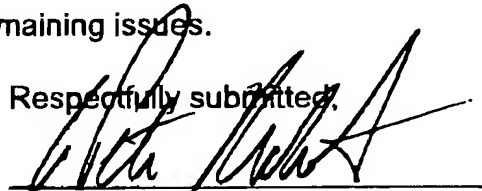
Claims 67, 68, 70 and 77-79 have been indicated as being allowed. New claims 80-86 present allowable subject matter and are supported by the specification.

Although Applicants do not acquiesce or agree with the rejection, the remaining rejected claims have been canceled to advance the prosecution of the allowable claims and with the right to pursue them in a continuation application. It is believed that all the present claims are allowable and notification to that effect is requested.

If, for any reason, the Examiner feels that the above amendments and remarks do not put the claims in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney can be reached at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any remaining issues.

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